



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

www.safersantarosa.org

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". -- Winston Churchill

TOILETRY KITS

Santa Rosa County School District's Communities of Learning Program is in need of items to make toiletry kits for our homeless families and unaccompanied youth. Full size products preferably. Items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, female hygiene products, etc. I have attached a picture as an example. For more information please contact Dawn Stone at 983-5237. Thank you!

They can also send through the district courier or mail to:

Communities of Learning Homeless Education Program, Berry Hill Administrative Complex, 6751 Berryhill Street Milton, FL 32570

Additionally if you would prefer to make a donation of money you can do so through the SAFER paypal account on the webpage at www.safersantarosa.org and the money will be used to purchase needed items.

VOLUNTEER CONNECTION

Our new online volunteer management system is up and running! Many of you have not responded to the email about your new account.

Remember, to remain an active volunteer, you **must** log into the system to verify your information.

For additional information, view a short [video](#) or read an [overview](#). We will conduct in-person trainings as needed. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact LaDonna Spivey at ladonna.spivey@redcross.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

The SAFER Santa Rosa Annual meeting sponsored by Interfaith Ministries is on the 25th of April from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be served. The location is:

4115 Soundside Drive (off of 98) (map to location) <http://mapq.st/12a6ChK>

Please RSVP to me at safers@santarosa.fl.gov

SAFER SANTA ROSA 2013 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE DATE FOR THE **RSVP/SAFER SANTA ROSA 2013 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO** HAS BEEN SET FOR **SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013** AT THE **GULF BREEZE RECREATION CENTER** ON SHORELINE DRIVE IN GULF BREEZE.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE GOING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BUT I WANTED TO BE SURE YOU SAVED THE DATE. **YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IS VALUED AND APPRECIATED.**

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Barbara Wells, Americorps VISTA Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, RSVP/Santa Rosa Community Services 850-983-5220 barbararsvp@mediacombb.net

TABLE TOP EXERCISE

This is part of the Business Continuity Initiative (BCI) please consider participating with your business. BRACE has set up a table top exercise, that local businesses are encouraged to participate in right from their office, that test their disaster preparedness. It will provide questions and scenarios that each business should try to answer and hopefully will stimulate thought on what other items businesses need to prepare in the event of disaster. Every business should understand the statistics:

- ☐ Of all businesses that close in the aftermath of a disaster, approximately 43% never re-open. Of those that do re-open, approximately another 29% will close for good within two years.
- ☐ Statistics show that 60% of businesses that lose their business data will fail.

BRACE is passing along the invitation to anyone that is willing and interested in participating. Please pass it along to any of the ESF 18 partners or businesses that you feel would gain a benefit. BRACE is paying for this out of the CERT and Citizen Grants that they secure each year and are offering this at no charge to the business community. People can read about the exercise at the link below and it will provide instructions on registering.

<http://www.drc-group.com/project/biz-escambia.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Strader Executive Director (850) 444 – 7136 GStrader@BeReadyAlliance.org

This is on the **14th of March**, if any business, non profit or church would like to participate in this exercise at the EOC on our big screens, let me know. Although registration says 9am-4pm my experience says this is a 3 hour exercise (or less) so please consider participating with key staff at your own place of business or here with us in emergency management.

FREE AARP TAX PREPARATION @ YOUR LIBRARY

For many Americans, there are few things more taxing than preparing to file their annual income tax returns. Fortunately, three locations in the Santa Rosa County Library System are once again AARP Tax-Aide Sites. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, providing service to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older.

The AARP Tax-Aide program offers free one-on-one counseling to help individuals prepare and file basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules. No appointment is necessary; however, service is on a first come, first serve basis. Library locations are equipped to file your return electronically, allowing you to receive your return much faster.

Free AARP Tax-Aide Preparation begins in February and is available at three locations:

- **Gulf Breeze Library** – Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 until April 15.
- **Milton Library** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 pm. And Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 until April 11. No service on March 26 due to another meeting previously scheduled.
- **Navarre Library** – **Thursday** and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Feb. 1 until April 13. There will also be an extra day of service on April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be no service on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30 due to library closing in observance of Good Friday. For a complete list of service dates and locations, visit the library calendar at <http://catalog.santarosa.fl.gov/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>.

Visit the Santa Rosa County Library System home page at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries> to link to 2012 tax year information, including commonly used tax forms and the AARP Tax Preparation Web Site. Visit the library for a limited selection of tax forms. Once supplies have run out, you can print forms at the library for a charge of \$.15 per page – or you can visit IRS.gov to download or print forms; links are available to forms at the library website.

The Santa Rosa County Library System is a department of the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners. Libraries are located in Gulf Breeze, Jay, Milton, Navarre, and Pace. Find additional information at www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries or call (850) 981-7323 (READ).

POWER UP 2013 - CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Gulf Coast Energy Network and National Energy invite you to join us at the largest energy and sustainability event along the Gulf Coast - **Power Up Energy Expo 2013, March 18 - 20, 2013** at the Emerald Coast Convention Center along the Gulf Coast in beautiful Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

Who Should Participate?

Attendees include, but should not be limited to: Energy managers, Environmental consultants, Engineers, Construction managers, Architects, Builders, Economic development professionals, Green Building Advocates, Researchers, Scientists, Facility auditors, HERS raters, Policy-makers, Elected officials, Home/business owners, Finance providers, Venture capitalists and investors, and the general public and students in related disciplines.

Register to Attend before February 15 and Save!

Power Up Energy Expo offers 10 educational training tracks including Energy Security, Economic Development, High Performance Green Building, Financing Energy Projects, and Energy Policy. For more information, and to see the complete agenda for Power Up Energy Expo 2013, visit <http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com/register>.

Become an Exhibitor or Sponsor (space is very limited)

Power Up Energy Expo 2013 is an admirable way to represent your organization and establish connections with industry peers. The agenda is designed with ample time between sessions to offer plenty of interaction with attendees. Sponsorship and Exhibiting opportunities are offered while supplies last. For details on becoming an Exhibitor and or a Sponsor at Power Up Energy Expo 2013, please contact Anna Covington AnnaC@GulfCoastEnergyNetwork.org or visit <http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com/exhibitor-info>.

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

SMART PHONE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER APPLICATIONS

If you own a smart phone, these links feature applications for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery:

- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps>
- <http://www.fema.gov/smartphone-app>
- <http://www.vaemergency.gov/News/readyvirginia/mobileapp>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-iphone-and-ipad.html>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-android.html>
- <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/mobile-app-for-emergency-preparedness-220792>
- http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Smartphone_Apps

- <http://www.google.org/crisisresponse/>

SRYP 2013 FEBRUARY NEWS

LUNCH BUNCH

Date: Thursday, Feb 14, 2013 Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Ruby Tuesdays 4917 U.S. 90 Pace, FL 32571

Good food. Great people. Feel free to bring a guest. Please RSVP to **Sheila Harris** or by selecting attend on Facebook by end of day Wednesday, Feb 13th... even if you are a maybe

SUPER CIVIC SATURDAY

Date: Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 Time: 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Location: Ronald McDonald House 5200 Bayou Boulevard Pensacola, FL 32503

Please sign up via the Facebook event or by emailing **Leigh Ann Weekley**.

We could be cleaning, painting, or other maintenance that is needed around the house. We will eat lunch at the Mellow Mushroom following our volunteer work

ESCAMBIA COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

The Professional's Challenge in Addressing Domestic Violence

APRIL 1ST & 2ND, 2013

University of West Florida Conference Center

No cost to attendees CEU's and CLE's available

A two-day Domestic Violence Training Conference

Presented By The National Institute of Crime Prevention Trainers

William "Bill" Rosseau, retired Tampa Police Dept.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE COALITION HOLDS MEETING

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 21st, at 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa County Health Department, 5527 Stewart Street in Milton. Topics to be considered will include a report on the strategic plan, policy work for the upcoming year, and subcommittee assignments.

The Santa Rosa County Tobacco-Free Coalition began in September 2008 as a partnership of community members and agencies working together with a mission to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use and provide education on the dangers of tobacco abuse among children and adults in the county. Members include: Santa Rosa County Health Department; Healthy Start of Santa Rosa County; Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC); Center for Total Women's Health; Community Drug and Alcohol Council; West Florida Area Health Education Center; Covenant Hospice; Safe Haven; Santa Rosa County School District; Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office; Santa Rosa County School Health Program; Santa Rosa Pediatrics; University of West Florida; Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT) and AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Any interested citizens or community groups are encouraged to attend the meeting and join the coalition.

Cigarette waste has many detrimental effects on our environment. Check out these facts from [Tobacco Free Florida](#):

- Cigarette filters are made from cellulose acetate, a plastic which is technically biodegradable. However, cigarette butts only biodegrade under conditions described by researchers as "severe biological circumstances," such as when filters end up in sewage. Even in these conditions, cellulose acetate filters are slow to disappear with the most optimistic estimate at nine months.
- In a recent laboratory study, one cigarette butt soaked in a liter of water killed half of the fish exposed.
- An economic study based on a litter audit in San Francisco, found that the annual tobacco litter cleanup cost to be more than \$5.6 million.

- Cigarette butts discarded in parks, along sidewalks, and in street gutters miles from the coast, inevitably make their way through storm drains, creeks and rivers to the beach and ocean leaking dangerous chemicals into our watershed.

For more information on the Santa Rosa County Tobacco Free Coalition, please contact Dennis Bratten at (850) 983-5200 ext. 142.

SCRATCH ANKLE TIME

Get your applications in now!



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THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA ROSA MEDICAL CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Ronnie McDowell & T. Graham Brown Private Concert

Farmer's Opry in Chumuckla

Thursday, February 14, 2013

5-30 - 7:00 p.m. dinner 7:00 p.m. concert

Dress Attire: Jeans, Boots, Cowboy hats

Sit-down dinner \$35

Silent Auction and More

Proceeds to benefit the Kathy Russell Scholarships & the Milton Relay for Life Cancer Survivor's Reception **626-5113 or 626-9567 for additional information**

ATTEND THE CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY SPONSORED BY THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Date: Feb. 21 – April 25, 2013

Time: 6 - 8:45 p.m., Thursday Nights Only

Place: St. Sylvester Catholic Church 6464 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze, FL. 32563

All too often a person's perception of law enforcement is that which is learned from crime-action television shows or movies. Although these captivate the public's imagination they are not always reality based. Those that depict "real life" situations only reflect a small portion of reality.

In view of this, the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office wants to educate the local citizenry on the agency's internal structure and the integral part that the agency plays in the local community.

By attending the "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy" you will learn how to better protect yourself from being a crime victim, how to report crime, and the ramifications of committing a crime. You will receive knowledge on officer training & equipment, what constitutes a crime, and how to differentiate between "reasonable suspicion" and "probable cause." You will watch police K-9s in action, learn about the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.), see how a crime scene is handled and incriminating evidence is collected. You will learn the "Shoot/Don't Shoot" methodology, the use of firearms & tasers and what it is like to be an inmate behind bars. (A Saturday will be set aside for a tour of the county jail and evidence section along with a demonstration of officer firearms training at the firearms range of the main Sheriff's Office in East Milton, for those who are interested.)

This academy is FREE and open to residents 18 and older. To register for this class, go online to www.santarosasheriff.org, click on Services and Programs and go to the Citizens Law

Enforcement Academy article & complete the application. Application forms will also be available at St. Sylvester Catholic Church. For questions call 983-1236.

SHOPPING LOCALLY IN MILTON JUST GOT EASIER

<http://www.mainstreetmilton.org/> will tell you all about Milton and there is an app you can download to help you shop locally.

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to 495 people! Invite friends. **Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.** Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades and other events in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) or non profits, that are hosting events that are free and open to the public. The user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Certification class that we are holding at the Midway Fire Department from March 21-23

Registration for the class is at <http://cert.safekids.org>. The class cost is \$75 for a two-year, professional, national certification. I would suggest that anyone who is interested go first to <http://floridaoprc.ce.ufl.edu> and apply for a scholarship. The process is pretty simple. Just hover over the first tab at the top (It says something about car seats) and select "CPS Technician Scholarship Form". Fill out the form and wait for an answer, which will come within a week. The email will have information on how to register so that the OPRC is billed for the class.

SKYWARN TRAINING

A Basic Storm Spotter's training session for March 8, 2013, 1800 hours, at the Santa Rosa County EOC. Meteorologist Jeff Garmon from the NWS Mobile office will instructing. Flyer is attached. Please disseminate the information. Even though this is the Basic Spotter's course, it would make a great refresher for those who have had the training before. He should have some interesting data / pictures / stories about the Christmas tornado outbreak in the Mobile area.



skywarn training.pdf

INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

RED CROSS TRAINING

Shelter Training:

This intro-level training is for anyone interested in assisting displaced families by working at a disaster shelter, or current shelter workers who want to brush up on their training.

When: Saturday, February 23, 2013

Time: 9:00 am

Location: ARC Crestview

To register call John Murray at john.murray@redcross.org.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

Navarre CERT will host a Community Emergency Response Team training March 8-10 & 15-17 at Holley-Navarre Fire District's Station #1 located at 8618 Esplanade Street in Navarre. Topics will include first aid, disaster psychology, fire prevention and basic firefighting techniques, disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue and terrorism. Adults, and teens 14-17 years old, are encouraged to take advantage of this free training that will certify participants as CERT members and allow them to join current teams or form new teams in their own community. All who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and a backpack containing a CERT vest and other safety equipment. CERT is an official emergency preparedness program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Participants are required to attend all six classes to successfully complete the course:

- Friday, March 8 from 6-9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10 from 1-5 p.m.
- Friday, March 15 from 6-9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17 from 1-4 p.m.

Attendance at all six sessions is required to become certified and pre-registration is required. Prior to the start of training, participants must take the free online FEMA Independent Study course IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams at www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training. For more information about CERT or to register for the course go to www.navarre-cert.org/training/form, send e-mail to training@navarre-cert.org, or contact Mike Sandler at (850) 939-6973.

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

Episode 1 - Meet Disaster and Preparedness: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWVevsBhLBo>

Episode 2 - Keep Mayhem to a Minimum: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkr93WBEiaM>

Episode 3 - It's Not Rocket Science: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMrPXBIZhIA>

Episode 4 - Should I Stay or Should I Go?: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs

Episode 5 - Don't Let Disaster Have the Last Word":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZXYlElq1M>

Episode 6 - What's Your Next Move?: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ0KmkguD4U>

Episode 7 - Put Disaster Down for the Count: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhLM-oQYQUo>

Natural disasters have unexpected impacts on mental health

<http://theconversation.edu.au/natural-disasters-have-unexpected-impacts-on-mental-health-11573>

6 rules for surviving any disaster

<http://healthyliving.msn.com/health-wellness/6-rules-for-surviving-any-disaster#scptmfs>

Disaster Behavioral Health: Current Assets and Capabilities

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/dbh-capabilities.aspx>

Free Basic Sign Language Training for Emergency Personnel

<http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/hsmi/signsof.htm>

Mass Shooting Analysis- Commonalities and Trends

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/NJROIC-MassShootings.pdf>

U.S. EPA, Climate Ready Water Utilities

http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/climate/index.cfm?goback=%2Egde_1988319_member_210884791

Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Incident Mobility Disability among Elders: The Hazards of Poverty

<http://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/8088460>

Evacuation and Sheltering of People with Medical Dependencies – Knowledge Gaps and Barriers to National Preparedness

<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=9.1.2>

Operational Epidemiological Modeling: A Proposed National Process

<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=9.1.1>

Integration of Social Determinants of Community Preparedness and Resiliency in 21st Century Emergency Management Planning

<http://www.hsaj.org/?article=8.1.14>

How to Counsel Kids after a Disaster

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4085/updates/how-counsel-kids-after-disaster>

Hey, Kid, You Could Be a 'Disaster Hero'

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/01/29/170575657/hey-kid-you-could-be-a-disaster-hero>

Disaster Dozen: 12 Myths of Disaster Preparedness

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/12-Myths-Disaster-Preparedness.html>

Episode 4, Disaster and Preparedness: Should I Stay or Should I Go?- Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs&feature=youtu.be

Emergency 2.0 Wiki

http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Contacts Are Key in Emergency Management

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Contacts-Key-Emergency-Management.html>

Zombies and Preparedness: Five tips for using metaphors in exercises and outreach

<http://freeresources.lucienecanton.com/2012/10/zombies-and-preparedness-five-tips-for-using-metaphors-in-exercises-and-outreach.html>

Woeful Success Rate in Citizen Preparedness Suggests New Approaches is Necessary

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Woeful-Success-Rate-Citizen-Preparedness.html>

Emergency Managers' Best Practices for Evacuating Communities

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

Why Aren't Americans Listening to Disaster Preparedness Messages?

http://www.rand.org/about/people/u/uscher-pines_lori.html